# The GARZETTE

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# From the President's Desk:

## Norm Schklar WA4ZXV

It was really great to see about 50 young folks pass through the Scout Lodge for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). It really renews the spirits to see all the interest in Amateur Radio. A special THANKS to all of our adult scout leaders for taking the time and making the effort to introduce the young boys and girls to our hobby. There were three impressive stations along with all the earphones, antennas, cables and a computer for printing certificates. There was Pizza, cold drinks and coffee for the working folks.

The **GARS** email reflector is a great place to make announcements, share ideas about our hobby, ask questions and sometimes get answers. If you aren't signed up for the reflector, or if you are signed up and not using it, get onboard. Amateur Radio is a community effort, so spend some time sharing your experiences with the rest of us. I'll try to be better about posting events and happenings; maybe you should make the same effort. It gets really boring if we don't have someone to share with. After all, ham radio is about communications.

November 4th and 5th is the Alford Memorial Hamfest in Lawrenceville. Get your tickets early and save a buck or two on the admission fee. I'm sure a note to the reflector will get you the names of **GARS** members with advanced tickets to sell.

At the November 14th meeting, Amy Woodrick, KE4lKF, will share her experiences with the 509<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group. Her ride on a KC135 should make for an interesting program.

December 1 is our holiday party, so be sure to get it on you calendar. Amy has volunteered to help gather volunteers for the decorations and setup. So if you are inclined to want to help with the party, send Amy a note.

TechFest is in January, and that's not as far away as it was when I started sending reminders. Ray and David are assembling our list of activities, so be sure yours is included. We'll go over what we have at the November meeting, and start filling in where needed. You can download posters to pass out to your friends from our web site.

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Norm, WA4ZXV, President

#### Metro Atlanta Club Meetings

#### <u>First Tuesday</u> Kennehoochee ARC

Southern Polytechnic State University Meeting begins at 7:30 PM Talk In 146.880(-)

#### <u>Second Monday</u> Georgia Tech ARC

Room W218 Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg. Georgia Tech Campus Meeting at 7:00 PM

#### <u>First Thursday</u> Atlanta Radio Club

Georgia Red Cross HQ 1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta Meeting is at 7:30 PM Talk In -146.820(-)

#### N.E. Georgia ARC

Commerce Public Library Meeting is at 6:30 PM Talk In - 147.225(+) PL 123.0

#### <u>Second Thursday</u> Alford Memorial Radio Club

Annistown Road Baptist Church Intersection of Annistown Rd & Spain

> Rd Stone Mountain Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:30 PM Talk In - 146.760(-)

#### <u>Third Tuesday</u> North Fulton Amateur Radio League

Alpharetta EOC located at 2970 Webb Bridge Road, in Alpharetta meeting at 7:30 PM Talk In - 145.47(-)

#### <u>First Saturday</u> North GA QRP Club

Wieuca Baptist Church on Peachtree Rd/Wieuca, 10 AM

#### Metro Atlanta VE Exam Schedule

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta area VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <a href="www.arrl-ga.org">www.arrl-ga.org</a>

#### First Saturday, Even Months

9:00AM EOC Building Butch Nitz, AF4FS (770) 968-8780

First Wednesday
7:00 PM
ARRL/VEC
Roberts School
4681 School Street,
Acworth
Jodi Escher AG4BK
770-387-1591

#### Second Tuesday

7:00PM Walton EMC 3645 Lenora Church Rd, Snellville Wayne Taylor, WD4CCA (770)498-7759

#### Second Saturday, Odd Months

ARRL VEC
8:30 AM
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Bob Varone, W4ETN
(770)978-3179

#### Third Saturday

CA VEC 9:00AM Marietta First United Methodist Church Room 305, 56 Whitlock Ave Marietta David Still, WB4RRD (770) 973-2566

#### Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC 7:00 PM United Way Service Center 6279 Fairburn Road, Douglasville

#### **Third Sunday**

W5YI VEC 3:00 – 5:00 PM St. John Neumann Church 801 Tom Smith Road Lilburn Headphones Provided! Howie Gould, W9HG (770)921-8362

#### Fourth Sunday

2:30 PM
Georgia Tech Student Center
Room 301
David Ziskind, KE4QLH
(404) 966-6864

## **GARS Communication System**

#### 6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz) 82.5 PL Tone

#### 2 Meter Repeater

147.075(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone

#### 70 Cm Repeater

444.525(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone

#### **APRS**

144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR/Relay Main Repeater Site
Oak Street, Lawrenceville
Backup Repeater Site
Lanier Mountain, Snellville
Remote Receive Sites
Bogan Road, Buford
Goshen Springs Road, Norcross
Lanier Mountain, Snellville



#### We Are Not Alone

By Bill Cherepy WB4WTN

No, we are not the only *GARS* in existence. After stumbling across the *Gaines-ville (FL) Amateur Radio Society* website - <a href="http://www.gars.net/">http://www.gars.net/</a> - I was curious to see if there were any other *GARS* out there. A Google search turned up several more amateur organizations.

The Geneva Amateur Radio Society - <a href="http://www.alabamaqsoparty.org/GARS/">http://www.alabamaqsoparty.org/GARS/</a> - over in Alabama.

The Genesis Amateur Radio Society - <a href="http://www.capecodtoday.com/index.php?">http://www.capecodtoday.com/index.php?</a> module=pnBizDir&func=click&lid=5034&cid=1 - up in Massachusetts.

The Gila Amateur Radio Society - <a href="http://www.zianet.com/gars/">http://www.zianet.com/gars/</a> - in New Mexico.

The Gibraltar Amateur Radio Society - <a href="http://www.gibradio.net/">http://www.gibradio.net/</a> - on "The Rock".

The Grimsby Amateur Radio Society - <a href="http://www.gars.org.uk/">http://www.gars.org.uk/</a> - in the United Kingdom.

The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society - <a href="http://www.gars.org.gg/">http://www.gars.org.gg/</a> - on the Isle of Guernsey.

The Ghana Amateur Radio Society - no website - over in Africa.

And up in Canada a listing under Newfoundland and Labrador clubs, the *Goose Amateur Radio Society* - no website.

Then there is a city, *Gars*, in Austria, home of the summer Opera Festival of the Kamptal.

Finally there is Gars, - <a href="http://www.gars.co.uk/scripts/i5.exe?">http://www.gars.co.uk/scripts/i5.exe?</a>
book=garsrestaurant - A Modern Chinese Restaurant in Brighton, UK.

OK, so we are not the only GARS, but I still think we are unique.

## Proposed GARS Bylaws Changes

#### Submitted by David Bruse (W4DTR)

#### **COMMENTS:**

Below are proposed changes to the GARS Bylaws. Proposed words to be deleted are highlighted in **RED AND OUT- LINED.** Proposed words to be inserted are highlighted in <u>GREEN and underlined</u>.

#### CURRENT:

C.1. The officers of the GARS shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ACTIVITIES Manager.

#### PROPOSED:

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#### **CURRENT:**

C.3.5. The order of election of officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and **ACTIVITIES** Manager.

#### PROPOSED:

C.3.5. The order of election of officers shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and <u>Program</u> Manager.

#### **CURRENT:**

D.2. The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the president and shall be an ex officio member of all committees.

#### PROPOSED:

D.2. The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the president and shall be an ex officio member of all committees. He shall act as a liaison between the GARS and the ARES.

#### **CURRENT:**

D.4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members in conjunction with the Treasurer, carry out all correspondence, thank in writing **ALL GUEST SPEAKERS AND OTHER** such persons, firms, or organizations obligating to the GARS by their favors, read communications at the meetings, and shall at the end of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the GARS to his successor.

#### PROPOSED:

D.4. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members in conjunction with the Treasurer, carry out all correspondence, thank in writing such persons, firms, or organizations obligating to the GARS by their favors, read communications at the meetings, and shall at the end of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the GARS to his successor.

#### **CURRENT:**

D.5. The activities manager shall be in charge of official activities of the gars and shall appoint such assistants as may be necessary to assist him in specific fields of activity. He shall cooperate with the arrl emergency coordinator to the best of his ability and shall direct all gars emergency activities.

#### PROPOSED:

**D.5.** The Program Manager shall be in charge of the program portion of each regular general membership meetings of the GARS. It is his responsibility to schedule guest speakers to give presentations at the general membership meetings and thank each of them in writing.

#### ADD:

H.6. The Vice President shall assist the President in appointing committee chairmen for any and all committees created by the President as requested by the President.



## **Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society** P.O. Box 88 Lilburn, GA 30048

# **APPLICATION**

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ARRL Member Yes No Life					
Interests					
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Type of Membership			<u>Optional</u>	Contributions	
Individual \$30.00 annually Student \$15.00 annually Senior \$15.00 annually (over age 65) Family ** \$35.00 annually ** Available for family members residing at the	ne same addres	rs	·	Fund \$	
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October GARS General Meeting

October 10, 2006

Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV, President, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm

First time visitors were recognized.

Club officers, committee chairs, and members with ARRL titles were recognized.

Introductions of members present were made.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented in the Garzette.

New business – the secretary read the proposed by-law changes to the club. These changes will be voted on at the November meeting. The changes were published in the September *Garzette*.

Pop Corn order forms from Venture Crew 73 were circulated. This is their major fund raiser, the equivalent to Girl Scout cookies. Deliveries will be made at the November ARES meeting and at the GARS Christmas party.

#### Committee Reports:

Amy Woodrick gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted.

Dave gave the Activities report – November meeting program will be by Amy Woodrick with videos of the 506<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group reunion and a mid-air refueling; the December meeting will be the Christmas party on December 1; January program will be on MARS; February and March are still open.

David reported that articles for the *Garzette* are always welcome and solicited.

#### Announcements:

John gave an update on the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) conducted by Gwinnett ARES on October 7.

Gordon is selling tickets to the Stone Mountain Hamfest which will be held November 4-5.

Earl reported that the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held October 21 at Rhodes Jordan Park.

Tech Fest is scheduled for January 13, 2007. Those intending to participate need to let the officers know what they will be demonstrating.

Amy Woodrick has volunteered to be the Christmas Party Chair. The party will be December 1 and she will need some help.

The North Georgia QRP club is having a picnic this weekend (October 14) at Brook Run Park. Those planning to attend need to let Norm know.

This is GARS' thirtieth year and there was a discussion on how to commemorate it.

Sandy announced that there are 2 hamfests this weekend – Augusta and Rome.

#### Break

#### Program:

Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, gave a presentation on the youth activities at previous Stone Mountain Hamfests and what to expect this year.

Steve Back gave an annual report on the activities of Crew 73 which is sponsored by GARS.

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the youth activities program at the Stone Mountain Hamfest. The motion was seconded and passed.

Prize drawings were held.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm

Prepared by Randy Collins, acting secretary

Do you know a boy or girl 14 to 21 years old who wants to:

- Climb, hike, canoe, camp
- Talk on an amateur radio
- Have Fun
- Tell them about

#### October

- 7 SET
- 14 15 ARRL International EME Competition November
- 4 5 HAMFEST Lawrenceville, GA
- 4 6 ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)
- 11 12 ARRL International EME Competition
- 18 20 ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone)

#### December

- 1 3 ARRL 160 Meter Contest
- 9 10 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

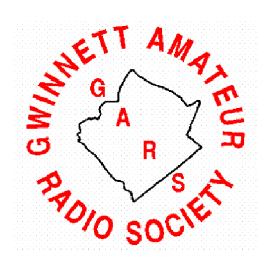
# **Venture Crew 73**

We meet the second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00PM prior to the GARS meeting at

St. Marguerite D'Youville Church.

For more information Visit <a href="https://www.gars.org/crew73">www.gars.org/crew73</a> or contact Ray Back:

Email <u>crew73@gars.org</u> Phone **(770) 295-9174** 



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For any additional information contact: Newsletter Editor:

David Adcock ka4kkf (770-271-9398) ka4kkf@arrl.net

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#### Cool Site...

Grrrr, fight cyber crime

You've probably seen McGruff the Crime Dog on television. I once saw him racing his monster truck. But now he's taking on the Internet. It's really a sign of the times.

I'm on the advisory board for the "Take a Bite Out Cyber Crime" Campaign. The goal is to teach all of America about phishing, viruses, spyware and identity theft. My biggest concern is online predators. Kids can be so naïve. McGruff is doing his part to help you protect your children. At McGruff's site, you'll find tips on protecting your family from cyber crime. You can also register to receive updates about cyber crime.

There's one page on the site I hope you won't ever need to visit. That's the page where you report cyber crime. The reports help McGruff collect information about crimes.

If you've ever been a victim, you should still report it to officials. FORWARD ALERT: This is such an important topic. I hope that you will share today's Cool Site with your family and friends.

#### TO VISIT TODAY'S COOL SITE, GO HERE:

www.bytecrime.org

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## GARS Recurring Calendar

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM.
   Check the Web Site for Location.
- Every Monday at 8 PM local time: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and I
- nformation Net on the GARS 2 meter repeater
- Every Wednesday at 9 PM local time: GARS 6 meter net on the GARS 6 meter repeater
- Every Saturday at 7:30 AM local time: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville
- 20th of each month: Deadline for submittal of articles for the following month's GARZETTE

# GARS APPAREL ORDER FORM

NAME:	PHONE #	
CALL:		
NAME TO BE EMBROIDERED:		
CALL SIGN TO BE EMBROIDERED:		

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
T-SHIRT				
Red WITHOUT name & call			\$20.00	
White WITHOUT name & call			\$20.00	
Red WITH name & call			\$20.00	
White WITH name & call			\$20.00	
GOLF SHIRT WITHOUT name & call				
Red			\$24.00	
White			\$24.00	
GOLF SHIRT WITH name & call				
Red			\$28.00	
White			\$28.00	
SWEATSHIRT				
Red WITHOUT name & call			\$30.00	
White WITHOUT name & call			\$30.00	
Red WITH name & call			\$30.00	
White WITH name & call			\$30.00	
LIGHTWEIGHT JACKET RED ONLY				
WITHOUT name & call			\$31.00	
WITH name & call			\$35.00	
HEAVYWEIGHT JACKET RED ONLY				
WITHOUT name & call			\$41.00	
WITH name & call			\$45.00	
GARS BADGE WITH name & call			\$9.00	
HAT WITHOUT name & call				
Red			\$9.00	
White			\$9.00	
HAT WITH name & call				
Red			\$14.00	
White			\$14.00	

**TOTAL ORDER PRICE:** 

Please attach your check made payable to GARS and return to Amy Woodrick, KE4lKF or mail to:

**GARS** 

P.O. Box 88

Lilburn, Georgia 30048

NOTE: Please allow at least 4 weeks for delivery of items. Some items may need to be special ordered.

Thanks and 73s! -- Amy KE4IKF

# Amateur (Ham) Radio in Action

9th Annual

# Tech-Fest & Chili Cookoff

January 13, 2007 10:00 till 2:00
Be sure to get it on *your* calendar

(Free Admission)

- For the Non-Ham and Ham alike... Your opportunity to see many modes and types of Ham Radio Equipment in action. Visit with knowledgeable operators demonstrating many aspects of Ham Radio. We'll answer questions, and show you how it works. Speak with local Amateur Radio Clubs and Societies to gain insight into how Hams are organized for Public Service, Emergency Communications, sharing technology ideas and having fun. Meet with Scout Leaders to hear how scouting and Ham radio intersect.
- For Amateur Radio Organizations... An opportunity to display your groups wares, a place to meet and swap operating experiences on a Saturday morning in January. A table to set up a display or banner. And you're invited to bring along a working amateur radio project.

Demonstrations are indoors, so weather should not be a problem. Free coffee, drinks and lunch are provided. Setup begins at 9:00. We'll open the parking lot for tailgating at 8:00. Tailgating is free. We will not be offering tables. An area of the parking lot will be designated for Tailgating, so be sure you are in the designated area before any setup.

for more information:
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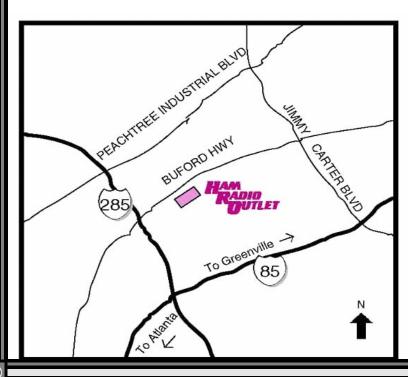
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Saturday Morning
Breakfast
Join us at the Golden
Coral on Riverside Drive
in Lawrenceville at 7:30
a.m.

# Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 14 th

Meetings are on the

Second Tuesday of the month 7:30pm at the St Marguerite D'Youville Church, 85 Gloster Rd NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30044.

Just off Highway 29 SW of Lawrenceville.

Directions on the Web Site.

http://www.gars.org

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